

# The Bullet-IN

River Bend Gun Club is a club for members, founded in 1958.

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## River Bend Gun Club Scholarship Program

The Holidays are here and the deadline for submitting applications for the 2023 River Bend Gun Club Scholarships is approaching quickly. The applications for the scholarship are awarded for this upcoming school year beginning Fall 2023. **All applications must be emailed before midnight, December 31, 2022.**

Scholarship applicants can [click here to download](#) the application; necessary instructions are included within the application. The current application and criteria documents can also be located on our website under Documents/RBGC Scholarship Program/2023.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible. Those who wait until the last minute may not have enough time to correct any deficiencies by the deadline. An Applicant is disqualified for incomplete submittals received by the deadline or not following instructions; in most cases this entails failure to provide two reference letters. Extensions beyond the deadline will not be granted for any reason.

After the application has been accepted, an in-person interview with the Scholarship Committee will be scheduled in the upcoming months. Applicants should prepare for the committee interview the same way they would prepare for an employment interview. Dress the way you want to be perceived; typically, business casual. Take time to study the program and become familiar with the criteria and method of selection; be prepared:

*The ideal candidate possesses the aptitudes, demeanor and motivation to successfully enter and complete a university or an accredited professional school program. The ideal scholarship candidate knows and can support the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights and will represent the shooting sports in a positive manner.*

In years past, the Scholarship Committee has awarded scholarships to successful and deserving candidates. They each demonstrated the necessary scholastic aptitudes, instructional comprehension, forethought, preparedness, initiative and advocacy of the shooting sports.

The members of the Scholarship Committee are Phil Henderson, Kelly Duncan, Brad Griffin, Will Owensby and Ernie Knoche. We look forward to working with this year's applicants.



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## Farewell Luncheon for Al D'Amico

A farewell luncheon was held for Al D'Amico on Shotgun Hill on 10/29/22, Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM. Al has worked on Shotgun Hill since the summer of 2017 and was the SG Hill Assistant Manager for the past couple of years. Al will be starting a new job in November. Sunday, 10/30/22 was Al's last day with River Bend Gun Club, we wish him well and we will miss him.

Greg Hughes, Assistant Club Manager and Bill Wettingfeld, SG Hill Manager arranged the surprise luncheon for Al and invited a few of his close friends to join him for a fine meal of BBQ pork ribs, baked beans, Cole slaw, rolls and sweet tea from Amos BBQ. The club picked up the tab for the luncheon and everyone in attendance pitched in to present Al with 400 rounds of CCI Blazer, 9mm ammunition.

Pictured below, from left to right are Erica D'Amico, Club Secretary, Greg Hughes, Al D'Amico, Bill Illg, Life Director, Will Owensby, Club President, Chris Hicks, SG Hill employee and Bill Wettingfeld. Ederlin Owensby, was behind the camera and all attended the luncheon to help give Al a grand send off.



A want ad for the SG Hill Assistant Manager position is posted on the RBGC Forum and elsewhere in this issue of the Bullet-In. Al D'Amico has done a fine job for the club and we all wish him good fortune in his next endeavor.

— Will Owensby

### Sign Up Now for Training!

**November 5<sup>th</sup> – Youth First Steps Pistol**

<https://tinyurl.com/2v2jctds>

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – Youth First Steps Rifle**

<https://tinyurl.com/2x82pjv7>

**As we plan for future Training Events, let us know what you are interested in having at River Bend Gun Club.**

**Contact Jerry Rioux, Training Committee Chairman - [legacyost@gmail.com](mailto:legacyost@gmail.com)**

# Official Club Business

## Highlights of the September 12, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting

President Will Owensby presided over a quorum of six Board members. Also attending were the Club Manager, the Assistant Club Manager, four club officers, one life member, two annual members, and one life member spouse. The meeting was convened at 7:00PM on Monday, September 12, 2022. The meeting was held at RBGC's Gene Mowell Conference Center on club property.

A quorum was confirmed, the proposed agenda was adopted, the minutes of the August 22, 2022, Board meeting were approved and the following officer and manager reports were presented and accepted:

Treasurer   Secretary   Chief Range Officer   Club Manager   Shotgun Manager

Board decisions made, actions taken, and items of interest:

- Treasurer Geoff Rhines reported that August FYTD income was \$640K, an increase of approximately \$23K versus the same period in FY 2021.
- August FYTD expense was \$196K, an increase of approximately \$43K versus the same period in FY 2021.
- Cash in the bank as of 8/31/22 was \$570,522 including \$100,218 in Capital Reserve Fund.
- Club Secretary Erica D'Amico reported that the membership total at the beginning of the September 2022 meeting was 2,165, 64 members more than this time last year.
- The number of Senior Members at the beginning of the September 2022 meeting was 202 (9.33% of RBGC membership).
- Chief Range Officer Jim Garner reported that the Range Use Summary Report for August 2022 totaled 2,347 (1,912 members and 435 guests).
- Fifteen venues submitted Match Use Summary Reports for August 2022. Total entries were 445 (236 members, 199 non-members, and 10 juniors). August match income was \$4,970.00 with \$1,087.30 reported to the club.
- There was a New Member Orientation (NMO) class held on August 28, 2022, for 24 attendees.
- There were 18 Tac Rifle Certifications, 0 NFA Certifications, 0 Supergun Certifications, and 8 Stop the Bleed Certifications in August.
- The board approved Renee Livingstone as Assistant Range officer for HP Silhouette.
- Club Manager Eric Leid reported that the trees on the left side of the Bullseye parking lot were cleared to establish the new Shotgun patterning bay and the Shotgun patterning board has been moved from CB Bay 11 to Bullseye parking area.
- Overgrowth has been cleared out of the berms separating AP4 & AP5.
- Cast-iron drain covers were put over catch basins across from AP4 & AP5.
- Bullseye Range roof was repaired and bathrooms were repainted with Kilz to prevent mold growth.
- Steel target at the 200m line on the Silhouette Range was repaired.
- MP1 target backers were replaced.
- Return spring on AP1 bowling pin plate rack was replaced.
- Assistant Club Manager Greg Hughes reported that shotgun range use in August 2022 was 383 shooters (351 members and 32 guests). 1,163 rounds were fired during August with 24 cart rentals. Total August revenue to the club was \$8,863.00.
- Member Communications Manager David Norcross reported that the September Bullet-IN reached 2,273 recipients with 2,272 successful deliveries (99.9%). Open rate was 1,599 (70.4%) and 708 (31.2%) members clicked through the newsletter.
- Assistant Club Manager Greg Hughes reported that any members that have not renewed for the 2022-2023 fiscal year have been moved to 'dropped' status and gate access has been terminated. These members may renew by contacting the Club Manager's office.

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# Official Club Business

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- The Board approved 13 new members and 2 reinstatements.
- Range Committee Chairman Jim Garner reported that the annual range committee meeting is scheduled for 11/6/22 from 1-3PM in the Gene Mowell Conference Center.
- Twenty-three women attended the Women on Target training on 9/10/22.
- Brad Griffin and Bill Illg were both nominated for Life Director to replace Life Director Charlie Iracondo who resigned. Bill Illg was approved as Life Director by 4-3 vote.
- Bill Illg was nominated and approved as Life Director for the Executive Committee by unanimous vote.

Regular monthly Board meetings are called to order at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Gene Mowell Conference Center. RBGC members and families are cordially invited to attend.

## Membership Statistics

	SEP 2022	AUG 2022	Sep 2021
Annual and Non-Resident Members	1,771	1,733	1,726
Life Members	187	187	184
Senior Members	202	200	187
Honorary Members	5	5	4
<b>Total Active Members</b>	<b>2,165</b>	<b>2,125</b>	<b>2,101</b>

## New Members Approved

Andres Allpere, Kennesaw	Ali Mehrazar, Cumming	Wes Wasson, Cumming
Keener Gill, Peachtree Corners	Jesse Phillips, Cumming	Sean Welch, Cumming
Stefan King, Cumming	Steven Porter, Cumming	Doug Widener, Canton
Phil Lashley, Dahlonega	Jake Sonshein, Marietta	
Wally Lewis, Dawsonville	Christian Toivola, Powder Springs	

## Reinstatements

Bubba Kizer, Milton	Chris Sterling, Cumming
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## NRA Light Rifle RBGC Club Championship Match of 2022

Early in the week ending Oct 1, the weather was the main concern for everyone. Hurricane Ian was tearing across Florida and the path northward was not clear. Various weather-guessers had winds in the 20-25 mph and 2-3 inches of rain for the North Georgia area including the club location.

As Ian did it's thing and moved to the northeast-ish, the weather outlook for RBGC on Saturday Oct 1 was much improved. Saturday Oct 1 started with clear skies and lots of sun. Winds were a bit gusty in the morning, with them settling down for the afternoon.

10 competitors turned out for the final Light Rifle match of the 2022 season. The match included the awards of Club Champion and Club Junior Champion, along with the normal awards for placement.



After the safety briefing there was an approximate 15 minute sight-in period, competitors were called to the line for the first stage just after 9:30 under strong direct sunlight.

In the second stage, Xander Massengill with 177.00 led Beth Reynolds and Kirk Swanson by 1 shot and Simon Bailey by 2 shots.

The fourth stage is where the standings took a major shakeup. At the end of stage 4, leadership had changed to Kirk Swanson

leading by a respectable 14 points over Xander (366.01 / 352.01). Followed closely by Simon with 350.00 and Beth Reynolds at 347.03.

With stage 5 complete, scores were starting to spread out. Kirk still led Xander with an impressive 17 point difference (458.02 / 441.01). The race looked like a shoe-in for Kirk.

Stage 6 provided some more excitement as leader Kirk put an 85 on the target which opened the door for Xander to possibly pass Kirk. Fate was unkind to Xander also as he shot an 85 on the last target.

Please see the match bulletin on the [website](#) for the full results and congratulations to all of the winners.

Kirk Swanson      543-2x Match Winner (not RBGC member)

Simon Bailey      524-0x 2022 Club Champion

Xander Massengill   522-1x 2022 Club Junior Champion

At the completion of the formal match, two fun matches were held with the prize being a brick of ammo for each match.

The first fun match, affectionately known as the Barney Fife match, is a true one shot affair, with the shooter who fires his bullet closest to scoring a perfect center shot winning the match. The winner of the Barney Fife award was Tom Hollingsworth. Tom's prize was a brick of Eley ammo and priceless certificate testifying to his prowess.

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# NRA Light Rifle RBGC Club Championship Match of 2022

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With the world descending into chaos and zombies everywhere, the second match was a show of skill in reducing the zombie population on the rimfire range. 10 shooters took a shot at their zombie target with the two least close to the center were eliminated. The next round had 8 shooters, which was reduced to 4, and then to 2, and then to the final “Lone Apocalypse Survivor”. The survivor is Paul Lemley who had the best of the two last shots.

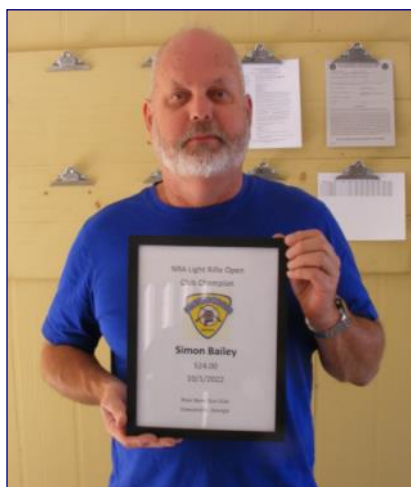
If you see Paul Lemley, please thank him for eliminating the Zombie Apocalypse on the Rimfire Range.

And so, ends another fun and successful NRA Light Rifle season. I encourage all readers to join us next year. The venue is fun, family friendly, has low equipment requirements, is competitive and builds off-hand shooting skills.

— Chris Sagar



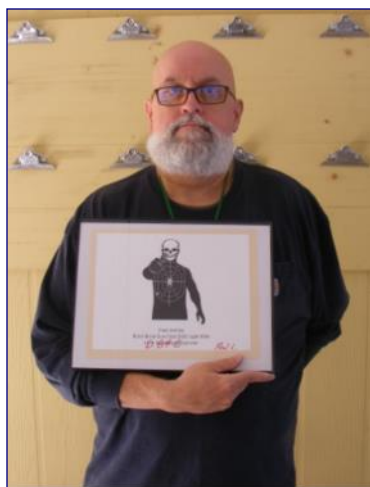
Xander Massengill  
— Club Junior Champion



Simon Bailey  
— Club Champion



Tom Hollingsworth  
— “Barney Fife” match winner



Paul Lemley  
— Lone Zombie Apocalypse



Paul Lemley  
— 2nd Marksman

# Action Pistol

## ZOMBIE XIV MATCH—October 15, 2022

Mother Nature once again smiled on Action Pistol and we had blue skies and warm temperatures as Fifty Two diehard (better than undead) pistol shooters turned out for another Battle Against the Undead at the Annual River Bend Gun Club Action Pistol Zombie Match XIV. Our determined Action Pistol shooters arrived to find that for the 14th year in a row the zombies were attempting to escape their confines of the AP Bays of River Bend. Little did those ghouls know what they were staggering and crawling up against.

### Bay 1

A target rich environment! Lots of steel zombie heads to challenge our shooting skills, plus some spinning zombies apparently from Texas. The stenciled zombie virus heads were a hit and got hit. Plenty of calls for "More Ammo!!"



### Bay 2

This year brought out a new twist on zombie annihilation, or at least attempted annihilation... As AP shooters should know, you always need a couple of axes and throwing knives handy for unexpected guests. What apparently was missing was the necessary skill. Lots of attempts, not so many successes. This stage was Throw and Run and Shoot, so Bay 2 met everyone's expectations and shortcomings. Lots of movement and finding all those pesky zombies through windows and walls and hiding behind those barrels. Did we mention how small those heads are?



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## Action Pistol

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### Bay 3

Traditions continued with the infamous Zombie Shoot Houses but this year the main Shoot House went to a new level thanks to the massive efforts of Paul van O and his construction creativity! Fantastic facade and a bigger and better interior version for competitors with their weapon lights and headlamps at the ready. Breach the door and keep moving. For more than a few, a lesson in tunnel vision. This year again many were entertained by the melodious tones of the Phenomenal Zombiette Choir as they exited the challenges of the first House of Horror. Who knew zombies wailed like that? Also, our condolences go out to the family of Elvira, Mistress of The Dark. Seems like a few of our zombie eliminators were just a wee bit too enthusiastic!



### More Action Pistol Traditions

As is the Action Pistol tradition, the match was followed up with a GREAT lunch -- this year there was tasty Zombie Burgers (no zombies were used in the preparation, or so we were assured) by John Livingstone. And after all the votes were counted it was dead even as to whose desserts were most decadent. Lunch AP Style continues thanks to our amazing AP chefs and dessertists (thank you all !). Our shooters cook on and off the ranges. And we can never forget, of course, the always popular Action Pistol Door Prizes. This month there were custom ammo boxes from Brittany Bentley and match swag from Renee Livingstone in addition to our usual ammo, ammo, ammo. If I left out anyone who contributed, shame on me!

Our thanks again to all the Squad RO's, Staff Admins and Volunteers who make RBGC Action Pistol a success.

Next AP Match is the Thanksgiving AP Turkey Rescue Extravaganza

November 19th, 2022

The Bird is the Word....



## 2022 SE Regional 22/600 yd/ Silhouette BPCR

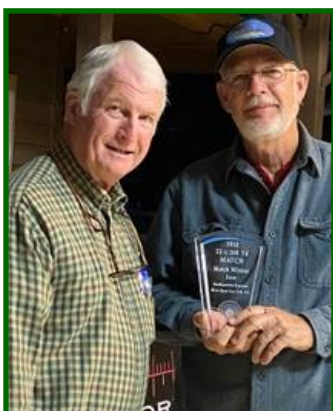
Our 4 day SE Regional match concluded Sunday evening, 10/23 after 4 perfect days of fall weather here at RBGC. The tree colors provided a beautiful backdrop for our matches on the Hi Power and Silhouette range. We did have some mornings with frost in the 20's and 30's but warmed up nicely into the 60's and 70's.

Wednesday's practice day on the Silhouette range finished with a Low Country Boil for the folks who came in early - thanks to Kim Kelley from the Daytona Beach area for bringing shrimp he caught this summer. The potatoes, corn and sausage provided a great meal to go with the shrimp!

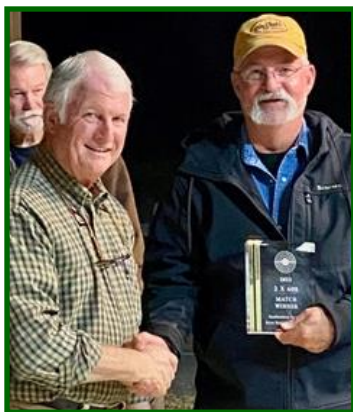
We had 36 shooters for the 22 match on the Hi Power range Thursday, 10/20... 32 shooters for the 600 yd black powder match on Friday and 41 registered for the 2 day Silhouette BPCR. There were folks here from 11 states including ones from NJ, PA, VA, KY, TN, TX, MS, LA and all around the Southeast.



The Traditional 22 rifle match was shot from the 200 yd berm on the Hi Power range at reduced 300 and 600 yd targets with 2 relays of 15 rds ea plus 4 sighters. Conditions were really good with just a little wind and slight mirage. Six awards were split between the top three scores with Scope and Iron sights. Ken Wienken from TX was the Match Winner-Irons with a 285/300 5X's. John Bly from VA was the Match Winner-Scope with a 289/300 10X's.



On Friday, 10/21 the 600 yd black powder match on the Hi Power range was also 2 relays of 15 rds plus 4 sighters ea. Even with a perfect day, the wind at the 600 yd line is a humbling experience! One of RBGC's members - Kevin Hurst, shooting Iron sights, was the Match Winner with the highest score of 268/300 4X's.



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## 2022 SE Regional 22/600 yd/ Silhouette BPCR

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The paper patch above is for Tom Klinger's 45-90.

Saturday and Sunday, 10/22-23 was our 2 day aggregate Silhouette BPCR match of 40 rds plus sighters each day. The weather was perfect again with temps reaching the 70's both days. We had our banquet Saturday evening at the Cowboy Pavilion after a long day shooting Silhouettes. Williamson Bros. BBQ in Canton catered the banquet with some great pulled pork, beef brisket, beans, stew and slaw and of course - sweet tea and lemonade! You may have seen on the news where they had a fire early Sunday morning that will close them down for months! We were that close to having to send out for pizza for our dinner!!!

Awards were given out for the 22 and 600 yd matches and then prizes were drawn from donations from our great Sponsors like MVA Scopes, DZ Arms, Glock, Vortex Optics, Creedmoor Sports, Eagle Eyes sport glasses and many more. Henry Arms donated hats and mugs to go with the Henry 22 rifle that was donated and won by Steve Christensen from Savannah. Everyone also won hats! Lots of hats!

Charles Outler also donated a beautiful powder horn he made and his son-in-law scrimshawed with a buffalo and '2022 SE Regional BPCR'. Charles also made a custom knife that Charlie Schroeder from TX won.

At the end of the 2 day Silhouette match, Iron sight shooters - Doug Gazaway, RBGC member and Tom Klinger from FL were tied with a score of 60. They had a shoot-off on Chickens offhand at 200m and Tom won the shoot-off to be the Match Winner-Irons. His partner, Kim Kelley, also from Florida was the Match Winner-Scope with a score of 57. Tom and Kim both won the two 'Milton Mills Memorial Award for Champion Spotter' in Scope and Iron sights. Helen Mills was here to present the awards named for her husband and my former shooting partner.

The two Match Winner awards for Scope and Iron sights were handblown rifles made by Lillie Glassblowers in Smyrna, Ga.



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## 2022 SE Regional 22/600 yd/ Silhouette BPCR

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Congratulations to everyone who won awards in the 22, 600 yd, and Silhouette matches! Also, a very special Congratulations to our Top Junior winner - Jake Graves, from MS. Jake had a 281 4X's in the 22 match and 1st AA in the Silhouette match with a 53... breaking his old National Record of 49!



I thank everyone who was here for your participation and helping to make this Regional a success! I especially appreciate our Club Manager and Asst. Club Manager - Erik and Greg and Bobby and Junior and Jeff for making everything look 1st Class around the ranges! Also, I couldn't run a match like this without the other members helping me all along - Doug Gazaway, Kevin Hurst, Steve Hubbard, and Jim Kidwell!

—Charlie Butler

## Smallbore Rifle Prone Match

Our last match of the year was a Conventional 1200 for which we had five competitors, three shooting with a sling and two shooting F-Class. The wind was mild during the first match and then picked up, sometimes going through several complete reverses during the course of a single 20-shot string, and during the 100-yard stages the mirage made it difficult to see bullet holes in the targets.

In the sling division, Joseph Hall and Steve Hardin battled it out, with Joseph prevailing with a spectacular 1199-88X out of a possible 1200-120X. Steve finished close behind with an 1195-83X.

In F-Class, shooting on the difficult NRA Metric targets, Joe Ettershank didn't drop a single point during the first half of the day. In fact, in the first match of the day, he shot 400-39X, meaning he shot a perfect 200-20X on his first target and dropped just a single X on his second one. He finished with an excellent 1194-92X, defeating Doug McNash who shot 1175-73X.

The full match report can be accessed by visiting our [venue page](#).

Our next match will be a non-sanctioned Conventional 1200 on Saturday, March 25, 2023.

For further information about our Smallbore Rifle Prone program, please contact Dave Rabin at [smallbore@rbgc.org](mailto:smallbore@rbgc.org) or visit our [venue page](#).

-----Dave Rabin





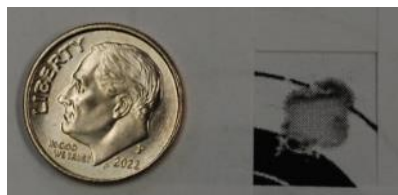
# Bench Tech—Introduction

Before we get started, you need to know that due to our country's legal environment, your receipt of this article and any use you make of the information in this article are subject in every respect to the limitations and conditions language near the end of the article.

My name is Scott Fletcher. I have been a River Bend Gun Club (RBGC) member since 1998. I want to welcome you to "Bench Tech", a series of articles I am authoring on refined bench-reloading techniques for center-fire rifle ammunition and suggested techniques for shooting center-fire rifles from a bench. This article is an introduction to this series. It presents my motives for writing these articles, the objective of these articles, my qualifications to present these topics, tentative topics that will be presented, and expectations of what information these articles will present.....and what they won't.

My motives are simple. First, I want the articles to foster increased interest in the shooting sports, participation that ideally results in support at the ballot box. Second, I am at a stage in my life where I feel obligated to give back. I want to share information and techniques that I have learned so that RBGC club members can avoid my (sometimes epic) mistakes.

The objective of these articles is to show club members how they can produce targets as represented by pictures I-1, I-2, and I-3. Target I-1 is five shots obtained at 100 yards using hand loads crafted with mass-produced 52-grain, 22-caliber match



Picture I-1



Picture I-2



Picture I-3

bullets fired from a factory rifle chambered in 22-250 Remington, shown in picture I-4. Target I-2 is three shots obtained at 200 yards using hand loads crafted with mass-produced 200-grain, 30-caliber hunting bullets fired from a custom hunting rifle chambered in 300 Winchester, shown in picture I-5. Target I-3 is three shots obtained at 200 yards using hand loads crafted with mass-produced 225-grain, .358-caliber hunting bullets fired from a custom hunting rifle chambered in 358 Winchester, shown in picture I-6.



Picture I-4



Picture I-5

All rifles were shot from benches at MP-1 using the rests shown in the pictures. All loads produced chamber pressures less than SAAMI specified maximums, as assessed by extractor groove measurements (a fancy, techno way of saying my

primer pockets are still tight after multiple firings). All rounds can and have been magazine-fed. The necks of the brass cases were not turned to a uniform thickness, nor were the primer pockets uniform. No bullet sorting at all was done with the 52-grainers, and only sorting by bearing length was done for the 200- and 225-grainers. No esoteric bullet tipping was performed. Off-the-shelf resizing dies were used. Other generic tools and equipment used that were instrumental in the reloading process are laundry-listed in Chapter 23 of my eBook found at [africahunterquest.com](http://africahunterquest.com). All the referenced items in Chapter 23 are available off-the-shelf.

The bullets used are shown in picture I-7, increasing in caliber, left to right. Note that all are BC challenged. I suspect some of you could run almost as fast as that dumpy, fat and ugly 225-grainer on the far right.



Picture I-7



Picture I-6

Also note that none of the rifles shown in the pictures can even remotely be considered as a 'bench gun'. All are switch-barrel hunting rifles (a total of six chamberings/fifteen different loads) that have taken critters. Both the front and rear rests shown in the pictures were used to produce the referenced targets. With these rifles, a bipod front rest, the refined hand-loading procedures and bench-shooting techniques I will present, my hunting hand loads typically produce a three-shot group at 200 yards that is less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch center to center, even for my 375 H&H and bullets up to 350 grains.

So, what are my qualifications for authoring these articles? Besides hand loading and shooting the ammunition that produced the previously referenced targets, I am a four-time 1000-yard benchrest Nationals Champion, and at one

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# Bench Tech—Introduction

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time I held a six-target aggregate score record. I am also a gold-level, long-range shooter in matches sanctioned by the International Benchrest Shooters association.

Picture I-8 is one of my 1000-yard benchrest light gun, five-shot targets, (there is a double; can you find it?), and picture I-9 is one of my 1000-yard benchrest heavy gun, ten-shot targets. Both represent ‘cannibal’ hand loads where the impacts want to eat each other. For scale, the x-ring is 3 inches in diameter, and the 10-ring is 7 inches in diameter. All targets indicate that I am at least an adequate student of the ammunition-reloading craft; there are others whom I consider far better.

Refined hand-loading and bench-shooting techniques to achieve both conceptual and group-size objectives are primarily responsible for all the target results depicted....that, and keeping my evil oriental twin, Hu Flung Dung, away from the firing line. Such concepts and techniques will be presented in future Bench Tech articles such as:

- The requirement to begin to begin
- Methods and equipment that enhance the prospect of good accuracy when shooting from a bench
- Fundamental center-fire rifle ammunition elements needed for good accuracy
- Resizing dies and their use in achieving good accuracy
- How to strategically prep new brass
- How to strategically prep fire-formed brass for subsequent reloading
- How to anneal brass
- How to strategically seat bullets
- Suggested bullet sorting techniques based on venue (only you can assess if such juice is worth the squeeze)
- How powder charge and seating depth variations affect accuracy
- How to indirectly measure to assess if your load has exceeded maximum pressure
- Load development strategies to find the accuracy inherent in your system
- Suggested ‘best’ use of a chronograph

Topics that will not be discussed are specific reloading recipes of powders and bullets, nor bullet tipping.

**Limitations and Conditions of Use:** Bench Tech articles will be primarily about how to refine/augment the hand-loading techniques you already use to obtain better accuracy from your center-fire rifle. They are offered under the stated premise that the reloading procedures you are well acquainted with and currently use strictly follow manufacturers’ published safety recommendations and protocols. In implementing any techniques in Bench Tech articles, you acknowledge that reloading ammunition can be dangerous and potentially life-threatening, and that you and you alone are strictly liable and accountable for any and all reloading errors, omissions, and breaches in published safety protocols. Furthermore, the techniques and methodology that will be described in subsequent Bench Tech articles should not be considered best practices, nor do they adhere to any standard of practice or care. Bench Tech articles and any communications with me concerning the subject matter of the articles (or any other shooting-related topic(s)) are experimental in nature, since they are the results of my own exploratory investigation into these subject matters. Specific tools and the actual means and methods you select to implement any reloading technique presented in a Bench Tech article will be solely your decision and the resultant outcome your responsibility. It is an expressed precondition to your receipt of my Bench Tech articles and any related information or communication that you agree as follows: Neither RBGC nor I will be liable for any and all outcomes of that implementation, and you irrevocably waive any and all claims as to me or RBGC or the Board or members of RBGC on behalf of yourself, your representatives and your estate.

The first Bench Tech article will be a discussion of issues to enable getting your head wrapped around the thing I am calling ‘accuracy’. The fundamental, absolute concept embedded in ‘accuracy’, no matter how you choose to define it, is the firearm never lies. I’m gonna say that again: the firearm never lies. Believing that absolute concept forces you to accept the three reasons responsible for the unexpected “stuff” that shows up on a target: a poor-quality rifle/system, poor-quality ammunition, or poor shooter skill. All are equally important in contributing to what shows up on the target. One or all could be responsible for the target “stuff”. That is why the second article(s) will present techniques for shooting off of a bench. There is only problematic benefit of improved ammunition quality producing better target accuracy with your center-fire rifle if your bench technique resembles someone trying to wrestle a manatee. (Thanks, Spike)

I am looking forward to helping the club membership achieve their accuracy goals.

— Scott Fletcher



Picture I-8



Picture I-9

November 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2 is Closed	4 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2-7 is Closed	5 <a href="#">200 Yard Rimfire Match</a> <a href="#">Cowboy Action</a> <a href="#">NRA Pistol First Steps Orientation - Youth Shooting</a> <a href="#">Sporting Clays Match</a>
6	7	8	9	10	11 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest IBS Scored Match</a>  Veterans Day - Thank You All	12 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest IBS Scored Match</a> <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest High Power XTC Match</a> <a href="#">ICORE Match</a>
13 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest IBS Scored Match</a> Reserved Event - AP 4 Closed - 10am to 4pm <a href="#">High Power 3X600 Match</a> <a href="#">Steel Challenge</a>	14 <a href="#">Board Meeting</a>	15	16	17	18	19 Cowboy Bays 1 through 6 Closed from 9:00am to 1:00pm for USPSA Setup <a href="#">Action Pistol</a> <a href="#">Hunting Rifle Shoot - HP</a> <a href="#">Tactical Rifle Certification</a>
20 New Member Orientation Meeting <a href="#">MultiGun Match</a>	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving <a href="#">Shotgun Hill Closed for Thanksgiving</a>	25	26 <a href="#">USPSA Match</a> <a href="#">100 Yard Match/Clinic</a> <a href="#">Buffalo Rifle Match</a>
27	28	29	30			

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December 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2 is Closed	2 Cowboy Hill (CB) Bay 2-7 is Closed	3 <a href="#">High Power Christmas Miracle EIC Match</a> <a href="#">Cowboy Action Sporting Clays Match</a>
4 <a href="#">High Power Christmas Miracle 600x3 Match</a> <a href="#">IDPA Match</a> <a href="#">RBGC Precision Rifle Match</a>	5	6	7	8	9	10 <a href="#">Centerfire Benchrest ICORE Match</a> <a href="#">High Power Silhouette Match</a> <a href="#">NRA Rifle First Steps Orientation - Youth Shooting</a>
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18 New Member Orientation Meeting	19	20	21	22	23	24 <a href="#">100 Yard Match/Clinic</a> <a href="#">Shotgun Hill Closed for Christmas Eve</a>
25 Christmas <a href="#">Shotgun Hill Closed for Christmas</a>	26	27	28	29	30	31

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## Classified Ads

### Shotgun For Sale

Rizzini BR110 Sporting over/under Shotgun. Hardly used in excellent condition. Includes hard case and 7 chokes (2 custom Brileys). \$1600 Call Al Cummings 678-977-3767

### For Sale—Ruger 10 22 action (SR-22R receiver) target rifle

2 Ruger mags included  
comes with one brick Federal Premium Match 22 LR ammo  
Vortex Crossfire II 6-18X44 scope (mounted) with original box and manual  
Archangel Stock  
upgraded charging handle  
extended mag release and bolt hold open catch  
stainless threaded bull barrel  
Bipod

All for \$525.00

call or text Jack Calhoun 404-775-1447

email: [tuxfordjack@gmail.com](mailto:tuxfordjack@gmail.com)



**For Sale—Bolt-action 93R17 BTVS.** It combines Savage's user-adjustable AccuTrigger™ technology and a 21-inch, button-rifled, heavy stainless steel barrel. The rifle features a wood laminate stock with a custom thumbhole, as well as a three (3) 5-round detachable box magazines. also included is an ammo can of various .17 HMR ammo

All for \$475.00

call or text Jack Calhoun 404-775-1447

email: [tuxfordjack@gmail.com](mailto:tuxfordjack@gmail.com)



### For Sale—New Lower Price

Anschutz model 1710 HB-U2 23" STS.  
Unfired

GRS Hybrid Stock. Black/Red

Epoxy bedding at factory

5019 Two Stage Trigger

BT 65-LW gen 2 Atlas Bipod

1- 5 round mag

1-10 round mag

1500 rounds RWS R-50 lot  
224

Factory Test Fire target on request

\$3,495.00

Contact: Charlie [cstramare@gmail.com](mailto:cstramare@gmail.com)



## Classified Ads

### For Sale—Ruger 10 22 action (SR-22R receiver) target rifle

2 Ruger mags included  
comes with one brick Federal Premium Match 22 LR ammo  
Vortex Crossfire II 6-24X50 scope (mounted) with original box and manual  
Hogue Stock  
Volquartsen trigger, 2.5 lb pull  
Tandemcross bolt and charging handle  
Tactical Solutions mag release and bolt hold open catch  
Shaw custom barrel  
Will meet you at RBGC for the cash sale  
All for \$650.00  
call or text Jack Calhoun 404-775-1447 email: [tuxfordjack@gmail.com](mailto:tuxfordjack@gmail.com)



### For Sale— Begara B-14 HMR, 6.5 Creedmore with original box and manual 24" barrel

uses AICS style MAG, 3 included  
Vortex Viper (mounted) 6-24X50 scope with original box and manual  
comes with 1 Lot, assorted factory ammunition as pictured approx 300 rounds, most all of it is Hornady.

Also comes with all you need to reload 6.5 Creedmore ammo,  
1450 CCI large rifle primers  
2 Lbs H4350 powder  
approx 550 Hornady Bullets, mostly 140  
gr ELD match  
approx 200 rounds of Hornady brass  
1 RCBS FL die set for 6.5 Creedmore

All for \$1500.00  
call or text Jack Calhoun 404-775-1447  
email: [tuxfordjack@gmail.com](mailto:tuxfordjack@gmail.com)



### For Sale—Ruger 10 22 action (BRN-22R receiver) target rifle

2 Ruger mags included  
comes with one brick Federal Premium Match 22 LR ammo  
Riton 6-24X50 scope (mounted) with original box and manual  
Victor Stock  
Volquartsen trigger, 2.5 lb pull  
Tandemcross bolt and charging handle  
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## Classified Ads

### Assistant Club Manager Needed

River Bend Gun Club is seeking qualified candidates for the Assistant Club Manager position. The current Assistant Club Manager is retiring in June of 2023. In order to meet training needs and to support near term staff augmentation requirements, the club would like to fill this position as soon as feasible.

#### Job Description

The Assistant Club Manager (ACM) assists the Club Manager in day-to-day operations; however, the primary role is one of membership support and lifecycle management of membership. In this role the ACM reports directly to the Club Manager and coordinates with the CRO team, Club Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Communications Manager, Range Officers, staff, members, and vendors as needed.

This is a full-time position requiring at least 40 hours per week with the requirement to be onsite at least one weekend day per month in support of New Member Orientation (NMO). Additional weekend support may be needed for special events such as the annual Young Shooters Challenge (YSC) or the Annual Business Meeting and Picnic.

Candidates must be an RBGC member in good standing for at least three years and must possess excellent interpersonal, verbal, and written communication skills. Administrative and organizational skills are essential. A basic working knowledge of MS Excel and MS Word is desirable as are any data management skills.

#### Primary Responsibilities

The ACM is responsible for lifecycle management and support of membership including initial membership inquiries and maintenance of complete and accurate records and archives of membership throughout the life of same. These responsibilities include:

- Acting as the primary point of contact for membership inquiries, facility tours, and membership applications
- Managing membership intake processes, vetting of applications for membership, scheduling of applicants into NMO and post-NMO processing of applicants into membership
- Administration of membership pricing, invoicing, system configuration updates, changes, and reporting as needed
- Updating and managing membership records throughout the lifecycle of membership. Support and resolution of membership related questions or issues for existing members
- Development, coordination, and implementation of the annual membership renewal
- Issuance of membership / staff badges and gate card credentials
- Managing the gate access system, gate credentials, and gate schedules.

#### Additional Responsibilities

- Accounts Receivables, banking, and deposit reporting
- Accounts Payables as needed
- Payroll Processing
- Employee onboarding processes
- Vendor management
- Coordinating event hospitality services when needed



Qualified candidates who are interested in this position are encouraged to submit a current resume with their email and telephone contact information to the Will Owensby, Club President at [willborner@aol.com](mailto:willborner@aol.com).

## Classified Ads

### Firearm Consignments

Interested in selling one gun, several guns, a collection or even firearms that may part of an estate? How 'bout selling some of those "safe queens" that have been taking up room in your safe for years? We can consign your inventory and use our established dealer networks to get top dollar, so you can finally buy that special firearm you've been watching or just for a little extra Christmas cash. We are active members of RBGC and specialize in no-hassle turn-key firearms consignments for our clients. We believe in the "Big Easy Button." We both hold FFL's, and between us we cover the North Georgia from Atlanta to the Tennessee border.

No consignment sale is too small or too large. For large consignment firearm sales, we will travel anywhere in GA or adjacent states and pick up large groups of firearms. If you refer us to a consignment of over 100 firearms, which we accept, we offer a \$500 finder's fee, so keep us in mind if you know of any.

Please give us a call, and we will be happy to discuss the process for selling your firearms.

#### Wallace Barron

678-571-8936 Cell [Wallace@CustomPrecisionLLC.com](mailto:Wallace@CustomPrecisionLLC.com) C&B Custom Precision LLC. A Central Georgia FFL

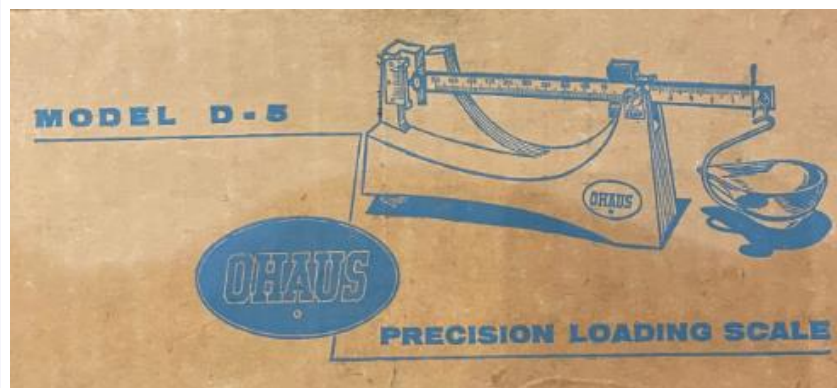
#### Larry White

770-715-7979 Cell [white@FortisFirearms.com](mailto:white@FortisFirearms.com) Fortis Firearms. A North Georgia FFL

### For Sale:

These photos show the reloading bench of deceased member James Cain. His family asked if the club could post a For Sale notice and help them find a home for all this equipment and supplies. This is sold as a complete lot, everything in and on the bench, including the bench! This setup is located in Big Canoe.

Asking price of \$750.00 for everything, or best offer. Contact Mr. Cain's son-in-law Steve Sheppard at 404-797-4407.



## Classified Ads

### For Sale

**Remington 547** From the Remington Custom Shop, Sturgis SD. Excellent condition with less than 500 rounds fired. 22" Shilen BBL, chamber cut to Eley specs. 6 round factory mag. Original case, Talley bases and 1" rings, Factory target and manual, bore guide. Retail \$1400.00-- for sale at \$950.00.



**Anschutz 1411 Match 54.** 1973 vintage. Rifle has been well taken care of. Includes bore guide and Harrel precision rimfire tuner. (Scope and rings not included). \$875.00.



Rimfire Match ammo

Eley Tenex lots:

1019-03172 1057 fps 100+ boxes

1019-03231 (No velocity info.) 31 boxes

1018-04312 1066 fps. 100+ boxes

\$15.00 box + shipping if applicable. Buy 10 or more boxes

\$14.50 box



Craig Patterson 404-964-3601-- call or text or email [ccp400@gmail.com](mailto:ccp400@gmail.com)

### River Bend Gun Club is adding a staff position on Shotgun Hill!

RBGC's Shotgun Hill Facility is seeking applicants for a full time or part time Staff Associate. Minimum hours are Thursday through Sunday from 9am until 2pm, however some flexibility in scheduling is feasible.

The primary responsibilities of the Staff Associate include:

- Monitoring the safety of shooters
- Stocking trap machines
- Pulling a variety of games for customers
- Maintenance of fields and facilities
- Processing cash register transactions.



Customer service skills are essential in this position. Knowledge of shotgun sports is beneficial but not required as we will train staff members how to pull each game.

If interested, please contact Bill Wettingfeld, Shotgun Hill Manager at 770/894-4280 Thursday through Sunday between 9am and 5pm, or feel free to contact the Club Manager's office at 770-893-3502.

### For Sale—Hunting Clothes:

Cabela's Women's medium 3-in-1 Parka. Camo shell with hood, zip out liner, Velcro cuffs, multiple zippered pockets, 100g Thinsulate, waterproof, Mossy Oak breakup infinity. \$100



Field and Stream Medium overalls. Hydroproof, Realtree AP, zip legs. \$50

Set for \$125. Both are like new with almost no wear.

Muddy Treestand Harness model #50123, Adult Small/Medium, Pink highlights, max weight of 250#, like new, \$40.



Text or call 706-877-4236 if interested



## Classified Ads

### For Sale:

6 MagPul Pmag 20LR Magazines LR-308. In original packaging. 20-round polymer, black for .308 Winchester. \$20 each OBO. Free shipping if you buy them all. Matt Camp 404-771-1117

### For Sale—Benelli 12 Gauge Super Black Eagle (original):

26-inch barrel, 3" chamber, comfort recoil pad, four flush chokes (F, M, IC, SK,) two extended (IC, SK,) hard case, user manual, some extras. Weapon is in excellent condition. No significant scratches, mars, or dents. Used sparingly for trap and sporting clays. Asking \$900.00 or best offer, cash or Zelle.

Contact Jim Meynard, [jim@meynardj.com](mailto:jim@meynardj.com) or 770-361-0075



### ITEMS FOR SALE - Reloading and Muzzleloader:

- Muzzleloader starter kit with 1.5 pounds of Triple Seven powder, 30+ 50 cal Powerbelt muzzleloader bullets, 100 209 primers, speedloaders, starter, ramrod, cleaning rod, toolbox, and other extras. \$60.
- Hornady 30-06 180gr GMX, NIB, \$30
- 35 Whelen once fired Hornady brass, unprimed, >120 pieces, \$40
- 270 once fired brass, unprimed, 20 pieces \$10
- 7mm-08 once fired brass, mix of Rem and Federal, unprimed, 119 pieces, \$60
- 38 Special once fired Rem/GFL/CBC/Fed brass, unprimed, 300 pieces, \$50

Text or call 706-877-4236 if interested

### For Sale

**Glock 17 gen 5** with RMR type 2 adjustable LED (3.25 MoA dot), 4.5lb trigger job completed by GA firing line, trijicon suppressor height night sights and TLR1. \$800



**Sig MCX 300 blackout SBR** (NFA rules apply) with 6.75in barrel. Muzzle device for dead air sandman type suppressors, lancer carbon fiber hand guard and Geissele trigger. Custom cerakote job, enlarged bolt release and improved ambi mag release, battle arms safety. \$1,600

Toor Raider knife, no longer produced but excellent tool new condition.

More info at <https://sofrep.com/amp/gear/toor-knives-raider-designed-to-be-the-perfect-belt-utility-blade/>

\$300



Email [chrisjohnson16@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrisjohnson16@hotmail.co.uk)

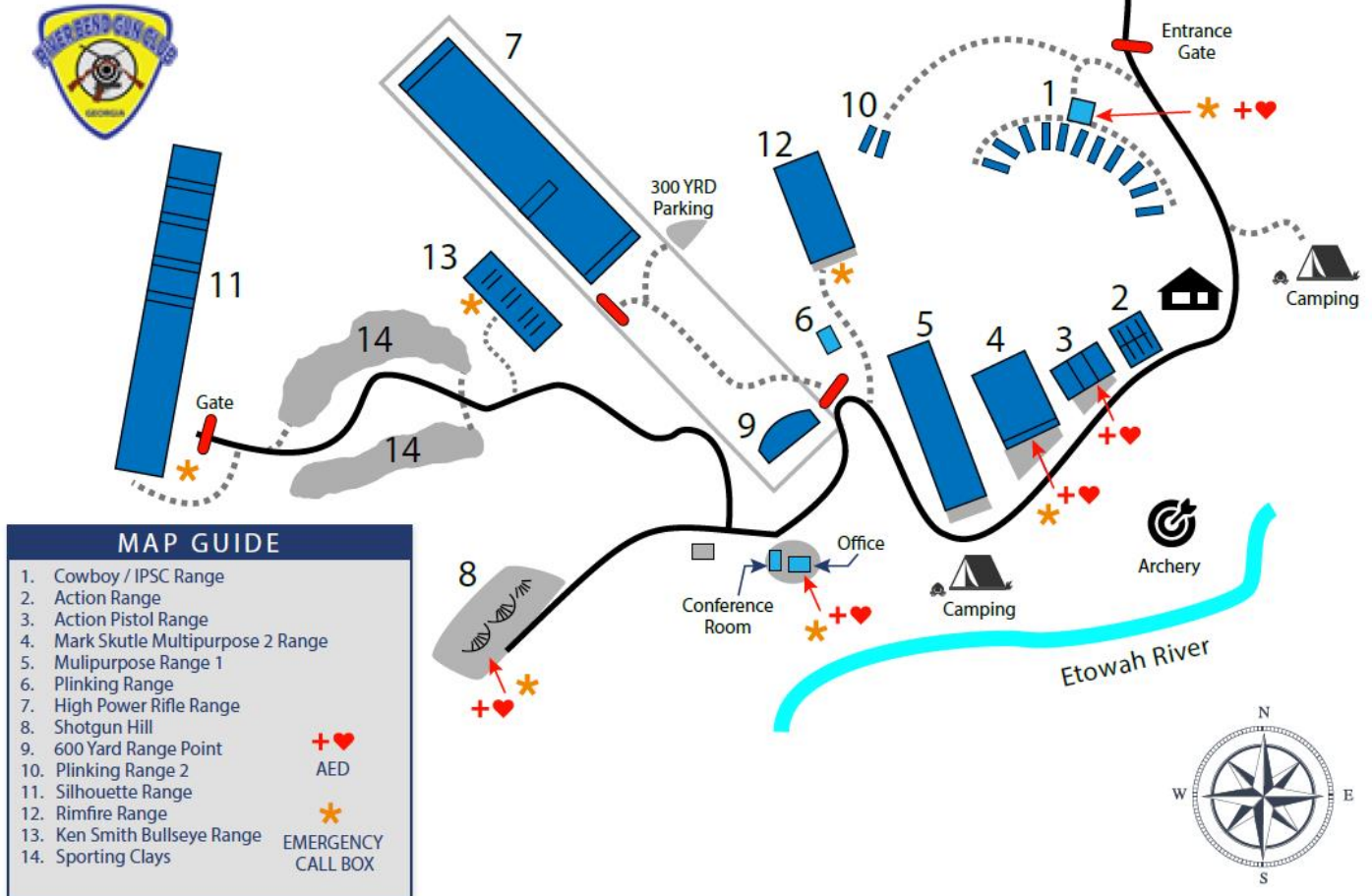
Replies may take up to 15 days, as I work in the mountains and have no cell access up there.

*Please submit classified ads to [newsletter@rbgc.org](mailto:newsletter@rbgc.org) no later than the 28th of the month.*

*Ads appear for two issues unless additional time is requested.*

## River Bend Gun Club Road, Dawsonville, GA

GPS Coordinates: N34 20.198 W084 14.819



### Shotgun Hill Hours:

OPEN Thursday - Sunday 10am - 6pm last round must begin prior to 5:30 pm

CLOSED Monday - Wednesday

### Club Hours:

Club hours are from sunrise to sunset (specific times for specific dates are listed on the RBGC and other weather sites) on all ranges except the shotgun ranges, which are open late on certain days of the week, light and weather permitting (check the website for scheduled days and hours of operation). Evening shooting (until 9:00 p.m.) will be scheduled periodically on the lighted field. Check the website or contact the shotgun Manager for current schedules.

### Newsletter Information:

When submitting articles, please remember to include a couple of pictures if possible.

Email to [newsletter@rbgc.org](mailto:newsletter@rbgc.org) **Deadline is the 28th of the Month.**

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